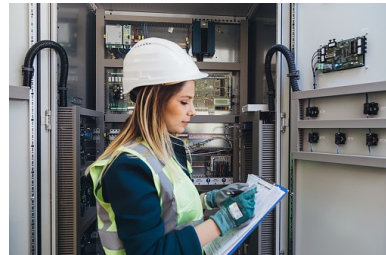
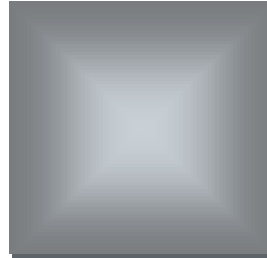


2018 IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE

CONSTRUCTION

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Executive Summary

In 2017, the **Construction** sector comprised 5.0 percent of all public and private employment in Iowa, a decrease from 2016 when it was at 5.3 percent. This is an industry that is sensitive to the volatilities of the business cycle, so this percentage is subject to more variation than in other industries. This sector had an average annual wage of \$55,424 in 2017, which is 20.3 percent higher than the statewide average of \$46,073 for all industries (public and private sector).

In 2017, this sector saw a decrease in employment, from 82,170 to 77,420. This is the first time employment dropped since 2010, when employment dropped from 66,492 to 63,096. The recession had a significant effect on construction employment, dropping it by 15.4 percent between 2008 and 2010. Now we see a decrease of 6.1 percent since 2016, mostly due to large projects wrapping up. The average annual wage also decreased from 2016, falling from \$57,998 to \$55,424.

Men make up an overwhelming majority of this industry, holding 87.6 percent of jobs. This is a slight decline from 2016, when men held 88.2 percent.





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What is Construction?

The **Construction** sector is comprised of establishments primarily engaged in the construction of buildings, engineering projects (e.g., highways and utility systems) or in the construction trades.

Establishments primarily engaged in the preparation of sites for new construction or primarily engaged in subdividing land for sale as building sites are also included in this sector.

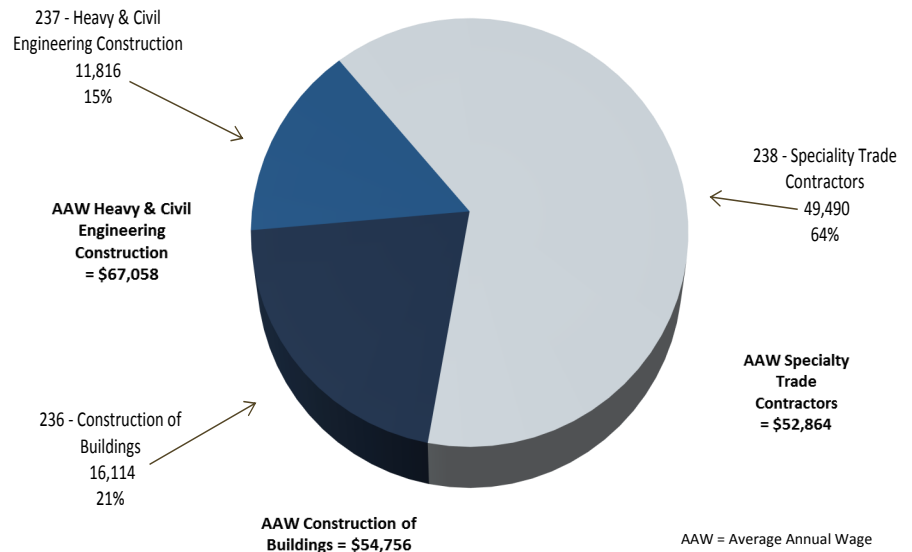
Construction work done may include new work, additions, alterations or maintenance and repairs. Activities of these establishments generally are managed at a fixed place of business, but they usually perform construction activities at multiple project sites.

Source: www.bls.gov/cew/bls_naics/bls_naics_app.htm

2017 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa

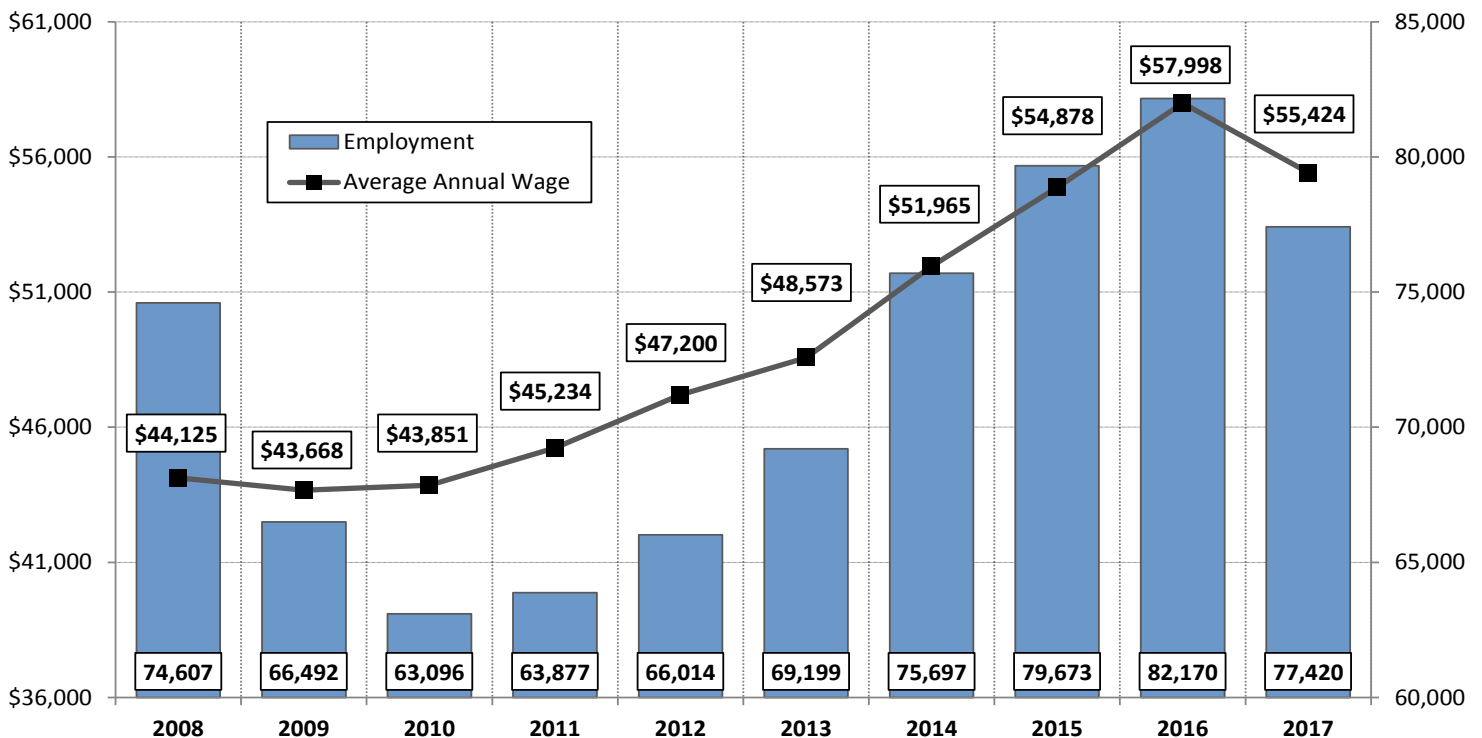
Construction NAICS Industry Coding

Percentage Employed and Average Annual Wage by Subsector



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

2008–2017 Employment in Construction in Iowa



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Examples of Major Construction Employers

Name of Company	Industry
Tri City Communications	Specialty trade contractors
Baker Electric	Specialty trade contractors
Baker Group	Specialty trade contractors
Carl A Nelson & Co	Specialty trade contractors
Kinzler Construction Svc	Specialty trade contractors
Peterson Contractors	Heavy & civil engineering contractors
Winger Contracting	Specialty trade contractors
Absolute Concrete Construction	Specialty trade contractors
ACI Mechanical Inc	Specialty trade contractors

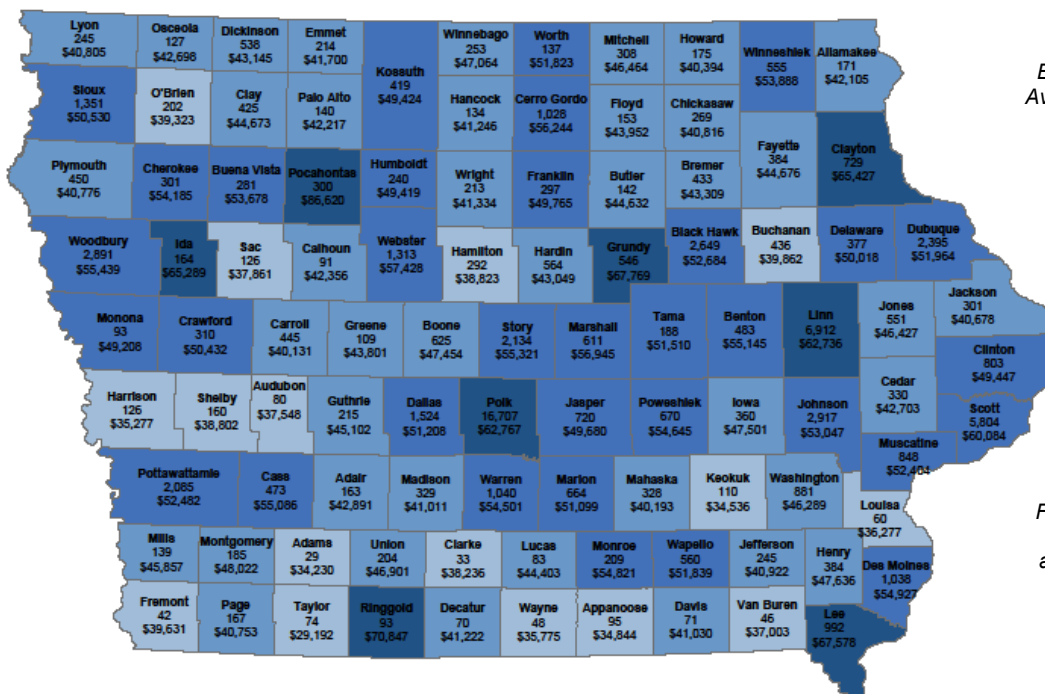
Source: www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/employer-database

Employers

In 2017, there were 9,546 **Construction** employers across the state. The subsector with the most establishments and employees was **Specialty trade contractors**, with 5,881 and 49,490, respectively. **Heavy & civil engineering construction**, however, had the highest average annual wage, at \$67,058.

The employers listed to the left are classified in the subsector that reflects their primary industry, although each company may be engaged in other economic activities.

2017 Covered Employment in Construction by County

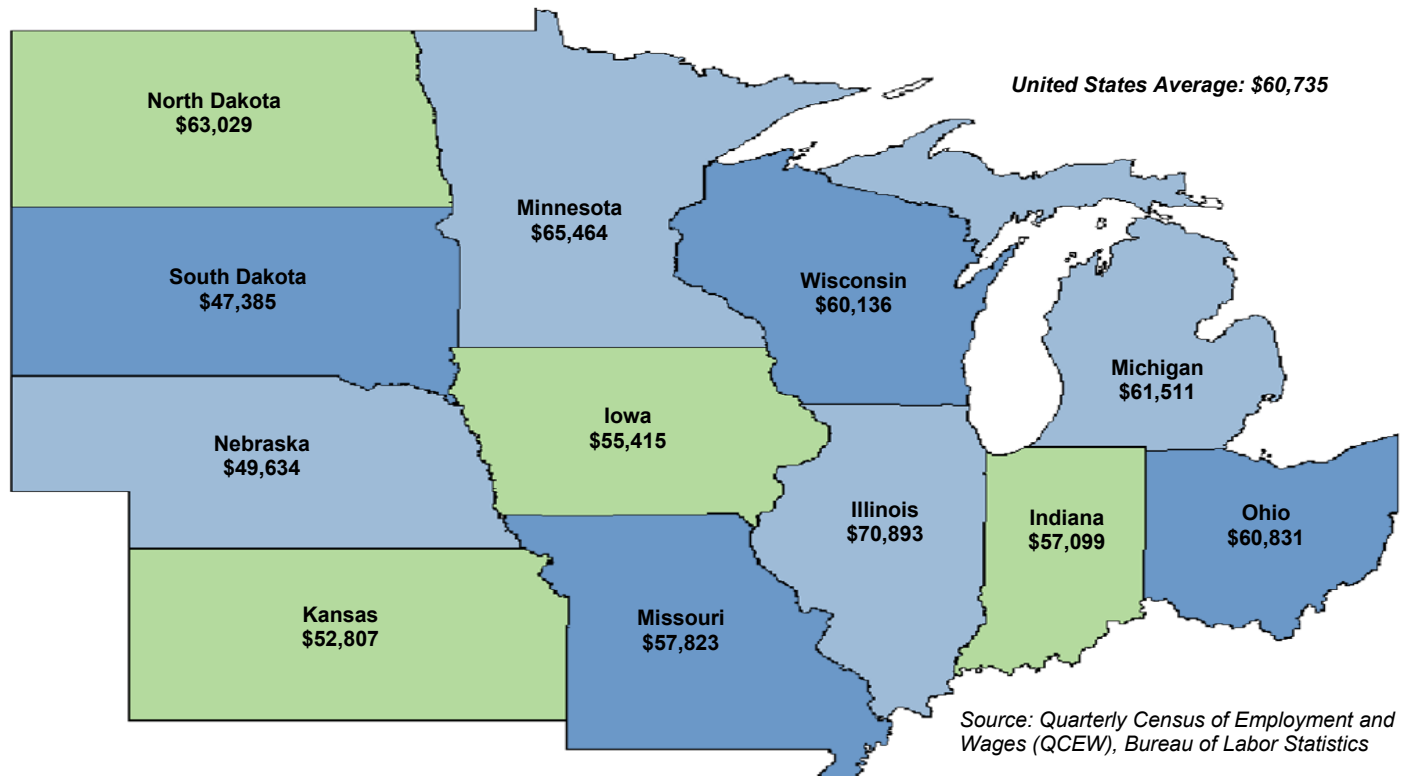




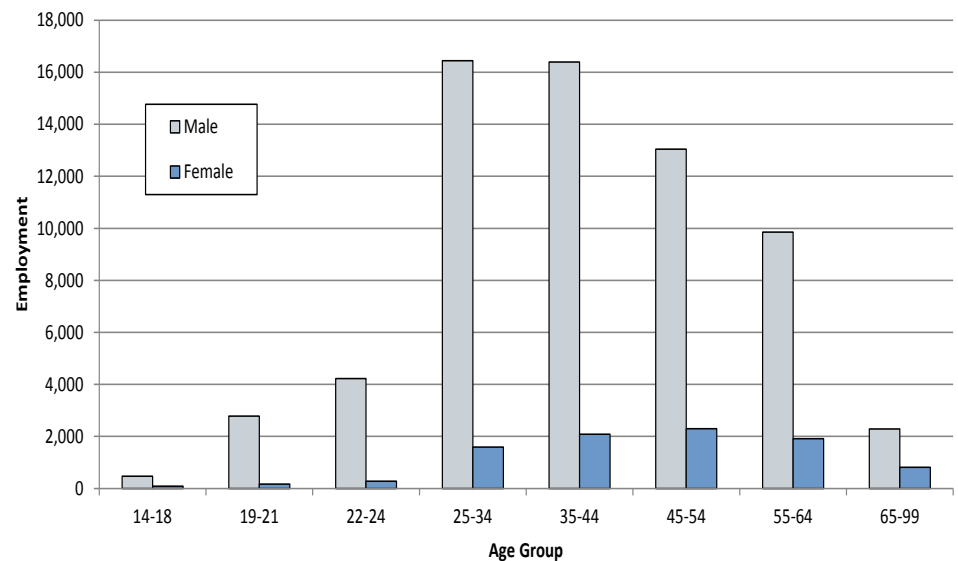
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2017 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Construction

State Comparisons by Private Ownership



Industry Distribution by Age and Gender, 2nd Quarter 2017



Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau
<https://lehd.ces.census.gov/>

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